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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Research and Reports  
FROM: : Chief, Intelligence Information Staff, OER  
SUBJECT: : OER "First Priority" Contributions to [REDACTED] 25X1A8a  
"Top 30" Items for ID/P

1. OER's contribution to SA/DB/I Planning reflected credit on the Office and all those who participated. Our items were, in my judgment, the most carefully thought out. Our forecast of problems, justification and specific collection targets, was most effective. Largely due to the foregoing, five of the six OER submissions are now included in the ID/I List. After merging the problems of joint interest among the three ID/I offices, the list totals nine. (GM and nuclear energy will be considered two additional, joint priority problems.) SA/DB/I Planning will forward the combined list to you shortly.

2. We lost Civil Defense and we had to go up the hill twice on Electronics and Military Expenditures. All other OER First Priorities were carried on the first try. Oddly enough, we had to discuss "educational discussion" of the importance, role and application of the topographic coverage of the USSR at 1:100,000 scale. I had thought that "simply everyone" understood this.

3. SA/DB/I Planning remarked that since we had stated our priorities in terms of problems, with a variety of places to obtain informative bearing thereon, ID/P might wish further guidance on the alternative collection courses and sources. All agreed that this would be a seven-league step forward. I promised OER's full cooperation in such an event.

4. I am forwarding copies to Ch/U, Ch/S and Ch/PM for their information.

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